A RESOLUTION

To amend Section 9 of the Official Rules of Procedure of the Twenty-Second Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to allow a Member-elect to take the oath of office in person or remotely if the member elect is physically unable to travel at the first session of each new Congress.

- 1 WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of
- 2 Micronesia is governed by its Official Rules of Procedure; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Section 9 of the Official Rules of
- 4 Procedure of the Twenty-Second Congress of the Federated
- 5 States of Micronesia stipulates that the administration
- 6 of the oath of office is done collectively to the
- 7 Members-elect holding credentials acceptable to the
- 8 Congress, and addressed to each such Member; and
- 9 WHEREAS, a Congressional Resolution is a transparent and
- 10 open mechanism for an amendment to the Official Rules of
- 11 Procedure; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the Members of the Twenty-Second Congress of the
- 13 Federated States of Micronesia desire to clarify the
- 14 administration of the oath of office can be taken in person or
- 15 remotely at the first session of each new Congress; now,
- 16 therefore,
- 17 BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-Second Congress of the
- 18 Federated States of Micronesia, Eighth Special Session, 2023,
- 19 that Section 9 of the Official Rules of Procedure of the

Twenty-Second Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia is 2 hereby amended to read as follows: 3 "Section 9. Oath. The person who calls the first 4 session of each new Congress to order shall request, 5 any Justice of the Supreme Court of the Federated States of Micronesia or a presiding judge of the 6 7 State court, to administer the following oath of 8 office collectively in person to the Members-elect 9 or remotely to a physically unable to travel Member-10 elect holding credentials acceptable to the 11 Congress, and addressed to each such Member: "I, solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will 12 13 faithfully execute the Office of Senator of the 14 Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia and 15 will, to the best of my ability, uphold, promote, 16 and support the laws and the Constitution of the 17 Federated States of Micronesia, so help me God." 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this 19 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated 20 States of Micronesia. 21 22 Date: 5/5/23 Introduced by: /s/ Wesley W. Simina Wesley W. Simina 23 24 25

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